

LEGION WILL URGE HELP BY CONGRESS

State Commander Says Legislation for Wounded Men Will Be Demanded

WANTS RELIEF EXPEDITED

National legislation in behalf of the disabled former service men will be supported by the American Legion, according to Department Commander David J. Davis.



In order to bring together the three governmental agencies—the United States Public Health Service, the Bureau of War Risk Insurance and the Federal Board of Vocational Training—dealing with the disabled, the wounded and their dependents so the work may be co-ordinated and relief may be prompt and efficient.

The truly terrible conditions in many of the contract hospitals where disabled and mentally unbalanced veterans are undergoing treatment has aroused the fighting spirit of the legionaries in every direction, and they are a unit in backing the fight.

While the fixated bonus measure is still a live proposition, being in the Senate finance committee, no effort is being made at the present time to get it out of the way.

Their disabled brethren and the dependents of those who gave their lives in the war are the first consideration of the veterans of the American Legion, and until the situation with regard to them is made entirely right the interests of the survivors who served and returned with their health unimpaired are to be put aside.

Already this policy is having its effect upon the nation's lawmakers and they are lending attentive ears to the demands of the American Legion that the unfortunates of the war will be provided for adequately and speedily.

At a meeting last night of Comrades of the Ship and Tent Club, Twenty-third and Christian streets, a stand of colors was presented by business men of the Thirtieth ward, William P. Timney has been instrumental in reviving this group of veterans, William G. Murock, state adjutant, was there last night.

Fifteen hundred postcards, asking former service men to join the bonus parade today, were sent out by Post No. 188.

State Feniches Post No. 142 will participate in the parade and will assemble at the armory at 1 o'clock. The band of the Old Guard, State Feniches, under Drum Major William L. Peck, will furnish the music.

DRIVEN TO DEATH BY GRIEF

Woman, Who Lost Daughter and Grandchild, Commits Suicide

Reading, Pa., Dec. 11.—Brooding over the deaths of her daughter and four-months-old grandchild, who were killed to death less than two months ago, Mrs. Rosetta Meek committed suicide at her home near Krumville last evening. While her husband was away from home in a bedroom and shot herself through the mouth with a revolver, death was instantaneous.

The daughter, Mrs. Mabel Sunday, and her baby daughter, were fatally injured on November 29 by a stone exploding when Mrs. Sunday tried to start a fire with oil. Mrs. Meek was forty-eight years old.

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TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

By PHILIP FRANCIS NOWLAN

HARVEY HUNT knew that Charles Ribodeau was his brother's slayer in the case of "The Instrument of Death," simply because that instrument, the handle for shaking the furnace, was in its proper and customary place.

It could only have been placed there by the murderer, for Emile had been using it when the murderer attacked him, wrested it from him and killed him with it.

Had an outsider committed the crime, as described by Charles, he would not have known where its proper place was, and his instinct simply would have been to cast it from him. On the other hand, one accustomed to the daily routine of the house might easily have instinctively placed it where it belonged, acting subconsciously under the stress of great emotion.

Charles, put to it to manufacture an alibi after the crime, had hit upon the very clever stratagem of handcuffing himself to the banisters. As the night wore on and his position became more fatiguing his cries of distress became quite genuine, as was also his collapse when rescued by Patrolman Clancy.

Had the doctor been wrong, as the criminal investigator bluntly declared, he can hardly be blamed for his conclusion if the body itself does not show that he was murdered. He has either been poisoned or choked to death with some thing which leaves no mark, a loosely folded silk handkerchief, for instance.

How did Harvey Hunt know the old man had been murdered? The answer will appear Monday.

XXIV Can you solve this case of— Foiled Camouflage

"HE'S THE queerest old chap you've ever met, Harvey," said Evan, as he pointed to the apartment of Ezra Linkman. "Quite a character. I know you'll find many interests in common, because at one time he was regarded as the cleverest criminal investigator in the state. He has a record of mystery solutions as long as your arm."

"I'm quite sure we shall," Harvey Hunt murmured politely, though in his mind he doubted it. Just at that time he was rather surfeited with his work, and his thoughts were running toward a vacation in the Catskills. He had accompanied his friend only because the latter had been so insistent that he meet the retired veteran.

Evan pressed the button beside Linkman's door, and Harvey Hunt's homes soared as no sound of footsteps came to them from within.

"That's funny," Evan muttered, "he said he would be here at ten." "Perfunctorily he turned the knob, and swung toward the door. The door was closed and he stepped across the threshold and blinked, for the sunlight was streaming into the room and the hall had been very dark.

It was Evan whose eyes adjusted themselves first. "Good morning, Mr. Linkman," he said to the old man who sat half reclining in the easy chair, a newspaper in his hands. But the old man did not answer.

"Asleep," Evan said to Hunt over his shoulder, and advancing, laid his hand on Linkman's arm. He started back in dismay, for at his touch the old man's body tumbled stiffly forward and pitched into a grotesque heap on the floor, the newspaper crumpled up under him.

In an instant Harvey Hunt had located the telephone on a table at the other side of the room, telephoning for both a doctor and the coroner.

Then he replaced on the table the

nel distretto di Telepini, nella Albania meridionale, sono stati distrutti da un violento terremoto, secondo un dispatto giunto da Valona al Tempo, oggi. Duecento persone sarebbero morte e 15,000 altre sono rimaste senza casa.

Anche la città di Telepini e' stata completamente distrutta. Il dispatto dice che le scosse continuano.

Precedenti dispatto pervenuti da Valona il 5 dicembre annunciavano scosse di terremoto nel distretto di Telepini, lasciando senza casa migliaia di persone. Il dispatto pero' non accennava a vittime.

Roma, 10 dicembre.—La notizia che un altro cacciatorpediniere della flotta per il blocco di Fiume e' passata agli ordini di D'Annunzio ha prodotto grande impressione e la stampa unanime deplorea il grave fatto facendo appello a un buon senso ed al patriottismo di D'Annunzio per la cessazione di uno stato di cose che pregiudica gravemente il prestigio e gli interessi del Paese.

Le nuove disposizioni hanno impensierito i deputati che recentemente si recarono in Fiume e conferirono con D'Annunzio, il quale sembrava favorevole al grave fatto facendo appello ad un accordo sulla questione riguardo al trattato di Rapallo. Il Governo sembra che abbia deciso di non riconoscere la Reggenza del Quarnero nel senso che la intende D'Annunzio e cioè un passo preliminare verso l'annessione all'Italia, giacche' non se ne parla nel trattato predetto. D'Annunzio deve anzitutto riconoscere il trattato, prima che avvenga il riconoscimento della Reggenza da parte del Governo Italiano.

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LA SITUAZIONE NEI RIGUARDI DI FIUME

D'Annunzio Vuole Rimossa la Pressione Militare e Navale Intorno alle Frontiere

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Roma, 11 dicembre.—Un comunicato ufficiale emesso dal quartier generale di Gabriele D'Annunzio dice che negoziati ufficiali o semi-ufficiali tra la Reggenza del Quarnero a Fiume ed il Governo Italiano non potranno essere iniziati fino a che la pressione militare e navale sia mantenuta contro le frontiere intorno a Fiume.

Il gruppo parlamentare socialista ha deciso di presentare alla Camera un ordine del giorno facendo appello al popolo di condannare l'attitudine di D'Annunzio.

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THE LITERARY DIGEST this week—December 11th—publishes a survey of the criminal records of the big cities in the United States, and shows from comparative statistics of this country and Europe the unenviable record which America holds. Other striking news articles:

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